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## WINNING WINTER

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The BG News recaps some notable events on campus and in the city this semester.

### Crash victims return for classes | Aug. 20



Kayla Somoles and Angelica Mormile returned for fall semester after surviving a head-on collision that killed three of their sorority sisters in March. The two students moved into the Alpha Xi Delta sorority house upon moving back to campus.

### Gloria Steinem speaks on campus | Sept. 24

Activist, author, icon and journalist Gloria Steinem spoke on campus to celebrate accomplishments of the Women's Equity Action League. Steinem spoke about Title IX, legislation which states that institutions receiving federal funding must not discriminate due to gender.



### Obama campaigns on campus | Sept. 26



President Barack Obama visited campus to speak at the Stroh Center during his 2012 campaign. Obama was introduced by senior Seth Melchor who spoke about his family's history in the United States.

### 30h!3, Cobra Starship close Homecoming weekend with a show at the Stroh | Sept. 30

Students packed the Stroh Center as 30h!3 and Cobra Starship finished Homecoming Weekend with a concert hosted by the University Activities Organization. The concert was part of a week long celebration of the University's 102nd homecoming.



### Student found dead in Falcon Heights | Oct. 15

Roderick Bartlett, 21, was found dead in his room in Falcon Heights. Bartlett died from an asthma attack, said his mother, Lucretia Bartlett. Bartlett was a Middle Childhood Education major.



### Residents debate rezoning issue at city council meeting | Nov. 19

Residents met for three hours to debate the possible rezoning of an area near the corner of North Prospect and East Wooster streets. City council decided to table the issue indefinitely.



### USG endorses campus tobacco ban | Nov. 5

After months of questions, the Undergraduate Student Government members decided they would write a letter to President Mazey and administrators in support of a possible tobacco ban on campus.



### Volleyball team named MAC champs, heads to NCAA tournament | Nov. 30



The Falcon volleyball team soared to a MAC Championship and went to the NCAA tournament for the first time since 1991. The team defeated Yale in the first round of the tournament but lost to Penn State in the second round.

### Football team prepares to head to a bowl game | Dec. 2

After losing three of its first four games of the season, the Falcon football team ended its season at 8-4, making it bowl eligible for the first time since 2009. The Falcons will travel to Washington, D.C., to play in the Military Bowl on Dec. 27.



## University seeks more RAs

Students can apply for positions until Dec. 15

By Yalona Blair  
Reporter

Being a resident adviser is a full-time job, but before jumping into the position, students must go through a concise process first.

That process is all too familiar to sophomore Darrico Harris, who just started his first year as an RA in Kreischer Ashley-Batchelder.

"I wanted to become an RA because of the opportunity I would have to have a major impact on first-year students," Harris said. "I know how important RAs are, and from my personal experience as an incoming freshman, my RA was a huge part in my return to the University."

The process is very competitive and being an RA is a commitment that will benefit both the University and their careers, said Sarah Waters, director of Residence Life.

The process has a series of steps, starting with attending one of the information sessions that provide students with details of the overall position and eligibility requirements, said Abby Priehs, assistant director of Residence Life. Students must carry a 2.5 GPA and must have lived on campus at an institution for at least a year.

The student then fills out an online application, which now has an extended deadline of 5 p.m. on Dec. 12, Priehs said. The application includes a cover letter explaining why they deserve the position as well as previous experience.

"Once they go through that process we will do grade and conduct checks," Priehs said.

The student can't be on probation with the University or have too low of a GPA in order to apply.

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## SEMESTER IN REVIEW

## Local museum exhibits promote Christmas cheer

Wood County Historical Center offers holiday tours for \$5

By Alex Alusheff  
City Editor

Every Christmas season, Sandra Gerety tries to volunteer her time where she can.

This year, Gerety, who is a cook at Wood County Committee on Aging, participated in setting up an exhibit for the Wood County Historical Center's Christmas Tours.

In about eight hours, Gerety and other co-workers gave the Alumni Room of the museum a touch of Christmas.

Gerety said the room was difficult to decorate with all the pictures, but they were able to make use of the mirrors and windows to reflect ornaments or add snowflakes and icicles.

"I like the challenge," she said.

Gerety is in one local group out of 28 that decorated each room of the museum for the self-guided tours, which run from Dec. 8 to Dec. 21, said Kelli Kling, marketing coordinator for the museum.

The museum has done the tours since the mid 1980's with a theme, Kling said. This year's theme is Christmas carols, where groups decorate a room according to a song.

Gerety's theme was "It's the most wonderful time of the year."

"We just want visitors to leave with a homey, relaxed feeling," Gerety said.

Other themes range from "Polar Express" to "Jingle Bells" to "Silent Night."

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## CAMPUS BRIEF

### Student sexually assaulted on campus shuttle

A sexual assault allegedly took place Monday night on a University shuttle, according to an email from University police. The incident was reported by a female student who said it happened just after midnight.

The student reported a male who she didn't know touched her inappropriately and without her permission, according to the email. She said the person was a white male in his early twenties with a medium build, approximately 5-feet-7-inches tall, with brown hair, a

mustache and a tattoo on his hand or wrist.

The student also told police he was wearing a red hooded sweatshirt and blue jeans, according to the email.

TAKING A CLOSER LOOK AT THE LAST WEEK OF THE SEMESTER | PART 3 OF 3

## THE FINAL COUNTDOWN | LEAVING



### Pay your bursar bill

Bursar bills came out in the beginning of the month. Be sure to pay your bill by Dec. 16 or you will be dropped from your classes as part of the new University policy. You can view your balance on MyBGSU under the Financial tab. You can also enroll in payment installations.



### Clean your room

If you live in a residence hall, make sure you unplug all electronics and appliances, including your refrigerator. Follow and double check the list distributed by your RA. Failure to do so can result in a fee. Make sure you don't forget your keys. If you live in an apartment or house, make sure you leave your heat on so your pipes don't freeze.



### Drive Safely

While you may be in a rush to get home, so is everyone else. Try to avoid the rush hours of people leaving the city to avoid possible accidents and slow traffic on Wooster Street. Look for alternative routes home on the Internet to avoid heavy traffic on Interstate 75.

## FALCONS TAKE ON NO.2 ND

Following a four-point weekend at Alaska, the BG hockey team takes on Notre Dame at home this weekend. The Falcons and Irish will play Saturday at 7:05 p.m. | **PAGE 4**



## SOMETHING UNPREDICTABLE

Columnist Alissa Widman shares her experiences at the University and says farewell to the school that helped her discover who she really is and prepared her for the road ahead. | **PAGE 3**

## IF THE WORLD ENDS WHAT'S THE LAST THING YOU WOULD DO?



"Play Pokemon Red. I never caught Chansey!"

**Nick Hamilton**  
Sophomore, Business



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**MON., DEC. 10**  
9:18 A.M.  
Complainant reported  
sometime during the night

an unknown person tore a panel from the bathroom wall of a business within the 200 block of N. Main St. The estimated damage is \$150.

**9:44 A.M.**  
Complainant reported sometime during the week-end an unknown person slashed the passenger side tires of a vehicle within the 400 block of Hillcrest Drive. The total damage is \$248.

**12:14 P.M.**  
Complainant reported a cable scam within the 100 block of Willowood Circle.

**6:15 P.M.**

Complainant reported an unknown subject shattered the driver side mirror of a vehicle within the 400 block of Frazee Ave.

**TUES., DEC. 11**  
2:23 A.M.  
A juvenile was arrested on a warrant from the Wood County Sheriff's Office within the 900 block of Third St. He was transported to the Juvenile Detention Center.

**2:23 A.M.**

Darby A. Bailey, 24, of Bowling Green, was arrested for obstructing official business and drug abuse/marijuana within the 2000 block of E. Napoleon Road. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

**4:06 A.M.**  
David Quincy Fleetwood, 19; Michael Lee Kelley, 18; and Vincent N. R. Yates, 21, all of Bowling Green, were cited for criminal trespass at City Park. Kelley was also arrested on

a warrant through the Wood County Sheriff's Office. He was lodged in the Wood County Justice Center.

**ONLINE:** Go to bgnews.com for the complete blotter list.

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## RA

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Once grades and qualifications are reviewed, the students are notified by email if they will proceed to the next step, called the carousel, where they rotate in the middle of the interview process, Priehs said.

The carousel process includes a group activity, an hour long two-on-one interview with a Residence Life staff member and current RA and another hour long two-to-one interview with a Residence Life staff member and hall director, she said.

The next step is being placed within the primary or alternate pool for the RA position, leaving the final step to be to take a one-credit RA class, Harris said.

Students going through the process should be themselves, Waters said.

"Telling us you're a 'people person' is not the best answer when asked why you want to be an RA," Waters said. "We are looking for diverse and energetic RAs who are willing to give back to BGSU and help our on-campus residents both get connected to and be retained at the University."

Harris said to not worry about the chances to become an RA.

"Just keep in mind the greatness that you have within and have faith in yourself," Harris said. "You will never be disappointed." Like other jobs there are things that students in the RA position can't do. For instance, they cannot be on the resident student association executive board, be a SMART mentor or team leader or an opening weekend group leader, Priehs said.

Although an RA can't hold similar positions, they are allowed to have other jobs.

"Our first year RAs can have an internship or a job up to 15 hours a week and our returning RAs can have an internship or a job up to 20 hours a week," Priehs said.

RAs also have opportunities for compensation, she said.

"They qualify for a bronze meal plan as well as a \$560 stipend over a course of a year, and they also have the opportunity to work our front desk if they so choose," Priehs said.

Students can learn more about becoming an RA by visiting [bgisu.edu/offices/sa/reslife/page22904.html](http://bgisu.edu/offices/sa/reslife/page22904.html).

## CHRISTMAS

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Mike McMasters, educating coordinator for the museum, said so much work goes into decorating the museum for the holidays that it has to close in November to accommodate the groups.

"There are boxes everywhere and everyone is running around decorating; it's a lot of fun," McMasters said.

McMasters said what attracts community members and students alike is the nostalgia they get from seeing the exhibits, such as the toy train tracks or the miniature Christmas villages.

"Not all museums decorate for Christmas, so it's unique here," he said. "It looks different than in the summer and it gives people a new perspective of the museum."

To Kling, the exhibit helps unify the community.

"I like that the whole community comes together

to support the museum," she said.

Participating in setting up the exhibit is like creating a new Christmas tradition, she said.

Tour admission is \$5. For more information about the exhibit visit [woodcountyhistory.org/pr\\_holidaytour.html](http://woodcountyhistory.org/pr_holidaytour.html).

## END OF THE WORLD

Some believe the end of the world will be Dec. 21. However, some at the University believe it's another hoax. Check out the full story online at [BGNEWS.COM](http://BGNEWS.COM)

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"Say 'thank you' and 'I love you' to all the people in my life."

**LIANE ORTIS**  
Graduate Student,  
Higher Education Administration



"Have a huge house party with all my family and friends."

**RAYMOND SZPARAGOWSKI**  
Junior,  
AYA Mathematics



"Everything I have always been afraid to do."

**ELSA ARTEAGA**  
Graduate Student,  
College Student Personnel



"Give my nephew one last kiss."

**DAMIA PENDER**  
Sophomore,  
Business

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Have your own take on today's People On The Street? Or a suggestion for a question? Give us your feedback at [bgnews.com](mailto:thenews@bgnews.com).

## Adaptation films dominate box office



**ERIC LAGATTA**  
COLUMNIST

How do you know the world's going to end at the end of the month? Because a movie as bad as "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn- Part 2" ranks in the top five of the year's top grossing movies.

Sorry for that "Twihards," I couldn't resist. Movies of high-tech superheroes, leather-clad archers and angst vampires currently make up the list of 2012's top grossing movies.

According to boxoffice-mojo.com, "Marvel's the Avengers" is currently at number one, with a total gross of \$623,357,910. The second, "The Dark Knight Rises," has a total gross of \$448,106,910. It is followed by "The Hunger Games," "The Twilight Saga: Breaking Dawn- Part 2" and "The Amazing Spider-Man" respectively.

The first thing I noticed by looking at the list of the year's top grossing movies is that quantity of money grossed is not correlated with the quality of the movie. If it was, "The Dark Knight Rises" would not have finished behind "The Avengers" and "Twilight" would not be on the list at all (there I go again).

The second thing I noticed is that the top five movies on the list were adapted from either a novel or comic book. It would be a standard, albeit false, argument to simply chalk this up to the general lack of creativity and originality in Hollywood. There were plenty of original and fantastic movies released this year that just didn't have the honor of topping the list of highest grossing.

So it must be something else.

Jeffrey Brown, an associate professor in the popular culture department, said these adaptations are popular because they already have a built-in audience. The millions of fans who have followed a series for years want to see how the characters and plot are treated in the movie, he said.

"The more people are familiar with it, the more they're interested in seeing the adaptation," Brown said.

Brown pointed out this is not a new trend, rather this has been the case for movies throughout film history.

And I would argue that

movies adaptations are not inherently bad or invaluable to society, but quite the opposite. It is simply another medium to tell a story, a medium that can sometimes have a more powerful impact on society than did the books from which they're adapted. For instance, both "The Godfather" and "Gone With the Wind" are adapted from novels, and both are two of the best movies ever made.

Of course, not all adaptations become classics (here's looking at you, "Twilight," though since the books were no better, this series was doomed to begin with.)

This still doesn't fully explain the recent superhero trend, however. Three of the year's current five top grossing movies are superhero movies.

Brown has an answer for this too.

"It involves a fascination with superheroes and the technology has developed that it can be done believably," Brown said.

Brown said the popularity of superhero movies really developed post-9/11, as people found solace in the concept of a seemingly invincible, and often masked, protector.

"It's very much a nice, safe fantasy that we can defend ourselves and always come out on top," he said.

After analyzing the list, the only truly valuable movie on it, as far as I can see, is "The Dark Knight Rises."

"The Avengers" and "The Hunger Games" were both entertaining but "The Amazing Spider-Man" did what I previously thought impossible and somehow managed to be worse than the original. And my vehement disdain for "Twilight" is impossible to summarize in one sentence.

Still though, the year is not yet out, and some of the year's best are still on the way.

"The Hobbit: An Unexpected Journey," releases Dec. 14 and "Django Unchained" and "Les Misérables" both release Dec. 25.

These movies are sure to do well at the box office, and with any luck, they'll knock "Twilight" down a few spots.

I strongly recommend everyone get out and see these movies; you just might be saving the world.

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## College experience teaches self-discovery



**ALISSA WIDMAN**  
COLUMNIST

Today is the last day I'll see my name printed in The BG News as a staff writer.

It's a startling, somber reality, since I've devoted more of my time, energy and passion to this publication than any other endeavor since enrolling at Bowling Green State University three and a half years ago.

Days later, I'll experience my final moments as a student when I graduate with a journalism degree. I haven't faced something this final in a long time. It's bittersweet.

It hasn't really hit me yet. It probably won't until I walk out of the Stroh Center Saturday as a University alumna. To be honest, I'm not sure how I'll react.

Although I came to the University with mixed feelings (see my first column this year for more specifics), it has truly become my home.

I've learned so much in a few short years — not only about journalism, but about life, and most importantly, about myself.

Sure, my college experience hasn't been perfect. It's been filled with ups and downs.

Some memories, like blossoming friendships, life-changing internships, late nights in the newsroom and "family dinners," make me smile.

Other memories, like foam parties, dub step night, body painting art projects and overflowing dishwashers, make me laugh.

Looking back, I also acknowledge I've made mistakes. I've done things I regret, too.

But I don't think I would turn back time to change anything, because everything I've experienced here has shaped me into the person I am today.

Who is that person, you may ask? Well, I wear the color pink way too much. I can't picture myself doing anything but being a newspaper reporter because it's the most thrilling, rewarding career in the world.

Pictures of cats, dolphins and Gerard Butler make me squeal with glee.

I can name any song in Green Day's 20-year catalog after hearing just an opening guitar riff.

I don't touch many video games from this century, but I'll always have a soft spot in my heart for classics with clunky graphics like Final Fantasy, Spyro the Dragon, Pac-Man and Crash Bandicoot.

Sometimes I actually believe the Cleveland Indians will win the World Series in my lifetime.

I love staying up late and

having extended conversations with friends and random acquaintances alike. I'm usually terrified of outwardly expressing my emotions.

Occasionally I wish I had more self-confidence. But four years ago, I wouldn't have even had enough confidence to disclose this short list of information about myself. The University changed that.

To me, college's greatest lesson is self-discovery.

Students come to campus uncertain of their desires, identities and futures. In a few short years, they leave with newfound knowledge, confidence and skills, prepared to succeed in the "real world."

It's a fun, exciting time to enjoy, explore and expand, but the process can't last forever.

Earlier this semester, my instructor posed a related question: If you could take a pill to live forever, would you do it? The class responded with a resounding "no," stating life would quickly lose its worth if it was endless. So what's the moral of the story?

The best things in life, like college, aren't meant to last forever; because they're short, they're precious, cherished and meaningful. We all hear stories of "professional students" who never want to move on because they relish their college experiences so much.

They'll purposefully fail classes, pursue multiple degrees or obtain unnecessary graduate education just to keep themselves from moving forward, presumably because they're frightened by what lies ahead.

But that's not me. I'm ready now.

Yes, I'm inexplicably sad to leave behind a network of friends, classmates, instructors and co-workers, but likewise, I recognize college has served its purpose. I'm prepared and excited for what's next.

There's plenty waiting for me: wedding plans, a new job at The Sandusky Register in my hometown, summers by Lake Erie, reunions with family and friends and much more. My life, my fun, my learning is hardly over. It's just getting started.

And without the University — now a permanent part of my identity — my future endeavors wouldn't be possible. I wouldn't be who I am.

So thank you, BGSU, for an unforgettable three and a half years of self-discovery, professional preparation and unforgettable memories.

I, most certainly, had the time of my life.

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## Embrace classic movies during winter break



**PHILLIP MARTIN**  
COLUMNIST

My family doesn't want to spend all of Christmas break playing Scrabble like I would love to do. Instead, we watch movies.

Watching movies brings my family together two hours at a time. It keeps my dad from watching football games like crazy. It keeps my mom from reading her romance novels all day. It keeps my sister from sleeping the day away. And, it mostly keeps me from never-ending boredom.

Of course it wouldn't make sense not to watch Christmas movies during the Christmas season. ABC Family does a decent job providing these with its "25 Days of Christmas."

A lot of people enjoy some great live-action ones, like the "Preacher's Wife" and "Prancer," two of my personal favorites. However, animated Christmas specials are just as good, like the many made by Rankin/Bass.

One recognizable Rankin/Bass special appears annually on CBS. Remember watch-

ing "Rudolph the Red-nosed Reindeer" in your family room as a kid? I don't understand why other Christmas specials aren't more consistent with placing Rudolph at the front of Santa's sleigh. Rudi is well-known!

"The Year Without a Santa Claus" is my favorite special by Rankin/Bass. I will never forget the Heat Miser and Snow Miser arguing with each other like school children. And, who can forget their own intros, each with a song. I also like how Mother Nature forces her sons to compromise to bring snow to South Town, USA.

Another personal favorite Christmas special of mine appears on NBC usually the week of Christmas.

Does anyone remember "It's a Wonderful Life," The 1939 black-and-white film? Does anyone still appreciate classics?

George Bailey (portrayed by Jimmy Stewart) basically is unhappy with his life and the events that take place in Bedford Falls, N.Y. As George is wishing he was never born, his guardian angel Clarence appears and prevents him from leaping off a bridge and committing suicide.

Clarence shows George what the town is like without his presence there. George finally realizes how much he matters to people's lives and that his situation is not as bad as it seems.

You just have to see the movie for yourself, especially the ending. It will help you appreciate the value of your life and the people around you.

Finally, another live-action Christmas movie a lot of people love is "A Christmas Story." So many people love it so much that TBS feels a need to provide a full-day marathon.

I don't really understand why I've never been a fan of it. I hate seeing the things little old Ralphie goes through in this comedy. OK, so my family, at times, gets worn out of watching nothing but Christmas movies during this season.

So, we take the opportunity of watching some classics.

What about some sci-fi? Everyone in my house has at least a small fascination with the "Star Wars" and "Star Trek" (Capt. Kirk cast only) films.

You could also go old-fashioned. My dad might check out the western "High Noon" if it is on. I've only seen the ending. From what I saw, the old film is pretty good.

Maybe a cult classic suits your

style more? Aside from the first two seasons of the crime drama "Criminal Minds," I recognize actor Mandy Patinkin in "A Princess Bride." His memorable line "I am Inigo Montoya. You killed my father. Prepare to die," is as much as I know about the movie. On a side note, Patinkin and Paget Brewster need to return to "Criminal Minds." The show is not as good as it was between 2005 and 2006.

Other classics I enjoy are "The Wizard of Oz," "Beauty and the Beast" and "The Drunken Master."

Why not enjoy the awesome superhero films of this year? I'm a little exhausted by "Marvel's The Avengers" only after viewing it twice because so many nerdy people push it on Facebook. But I can enjoy it in the calmness of my home.

Also, watch "The Dark Knight Rises." If you do, please remember the victims of the Aurora, Co. shooting.

I've given you a short list of films to choose from. If you get bored over break, make some popcorn and watch.

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# Collision at the Capitol

BG, San Jose State set to square off in Washington D.C. Dec. 27

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As people around the nation begin to set up for the holidays, there will be at least two teams away from home and unable to celebrate with their families. However, they wouldn't have it any other way.

"This is a great reward for our players and staff who have put in so much work and effort to build our program back to bowl eligibility," BG Head Coach Dave Clawson said. "It will be exciting to be able to spend the holiday season with the Falcon family in the Nation's Capital."

The tale of these two teams isn't that different despite being more than 3,000 miles apart. San Jose State University and BG have both accepted possibly the greatest holiday gift to their programs — bowl eligibility.

This tale, the tale of the Military Bowl, will begin with San Jose State.

Once upon a football team their happened to be a sparkling new coach, one named Mike MacIntyre. MacIntyre, who started in 2010, inherited a program that had previously went 2-10, only defeating one FBS team in the process, however the worst was yet to come.

The following year the Spartans went an amazingly-terrible 1-11, earning themselves the worst team in Division I football with its only win coming against FCS team Southern Utah by just five points. MacIntyre's job was beginning to be held in question in just his first season.

However, like all good tales, this one's plot twist happened the following 2011 season.

The Spartans vastly improved from the worst team to a respectable one by finishing the year 5-7, and all was good in San Jose State. Needless to say the best was yet to come.

Fast forward to today where the Spartans are an immaculate 10-2, earning themselves a second place finish in the dwindling Western Athletic Conference. The teams sole two losses came against at the time 21st ranked team in the country in Stanford (now 6th) and Utah State (now 22nd). MacIntyre took the Spartans from 2-10 to 10-2 in just three seasons, however MacIntyre's tale isn't finished yet. The coach has just accepted a coaching offer from the University of Colorado for five seasons at \$2 million per season. We will have to wait and see if he coaches the Spartans during the Military Bowl.

The second part of this tale takes us to a small city in the middle of the Midwest where the wind blows all the time and snow is never unexpected. BG's tale reads almost verbatim as the Spartans, starting with the hiring of Clawson back in 2009.

That year was great for the Falcons. The team had finished 7-6 and made it to the Humanitarian Bowl in Boise, Ida. before losing by a point to Idaho. The following season, after the departure of many of the best players, including All-American wide receiver Freddy Barnes, the team won just two games, finishing at 2-10.

The nearly identical past records don't stop there. BG went 5-7 in 2011, which was a vast improvement for years prior. Much of this could be credited to freshman of the year in running back Anthon Samuel, who had given the primarily pass-heavy offense an explosive run game.

Today the Falcons have finished up their best season since 2004 with a record of 8-4. The team dropped games to then 23rd ranked Florida (now third), Toledo, who at one point was ranked 25th, Virginia Tech and MAC East champions Kent State.

The MAC proved a formidable conference as it sent seven teams to bowl games this season, most notably Northern Illinois, who became the first MAC team to receive a bid for a BCS bowl game. They became the first team from a non-automatically qualifying conference to make a BCS bowl game with a loss.

"Our commissioner Jon Steinbrecher did a great job for us to get seven teams in bowls. I'm sure that is a new record," Clawson said. "Now we have to go out there and win our share of the bowl games to keep earning respect for our conference."

The similarities between the two teams don't stop there. Both rosters have running backs with nearly identical statistics in Samuel and De'Leon Eskridge, as well as defensive line-men, with identical statistics in hurries, tackles for loss and fumbles forced. The line-men, defensive tackle Chris Jones for BG and defensive end Travis Johnson for San Jose State have almost the same amount of sacks and total tackles on the season as well.

Both teams have spent the past few years rebuilding their programs for this moment and it's clear that neither team wants to spend the holiday season without any presents to take home.

"It is a much easier trip from Bowling Green, Ohio than San Jose, California," said Clawson. "So we hope to have the Falcon fans and the Falcon-Nation out there in full force."

DE'LEON ESKRIDGE  
SJSU RUNNING BACK



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## No. 2 Notre Dame comes to town to face Falcons

By Ryan Satkowiak  
Senior Reporter

Following one of its most successful weekends of the season, the BG hockey team will face one of its toughest opponents of the season this weekend, as No. 2 Notre Dame comes to town.

There will only be one game played this weekend — Saturday at 7:05 p.m. — due to an academic function at Notre Dame, BG coach Chris Bergeron said. The Irish will make a return trip to Bowling Green on Jan. 15 to make up that second game.

The Irish have been one of the premiere teams in the nation so far this season. Overall, they are 13-4 — including a 9-1 mark in Central Collegiate Hockey Association play. Among CCHA teams, the Irish are No. 1 in scoring offense (3.18 goals per game) and scoring defense (1.65 goals allowed per game).

"Their depth is basically showing itself," Bergeron said. "I think everybody last year knew that team, on paper, was better than their results. Last year, they were missing something intangibly. Whatever that something was, they have it now."

Despite losing two of their leading scorers from this past season in Billy

Maday (27 points) and Riley Sheahan (25 points), the Irish have not missed a beat offensively. Part of that is due to outstanding scoring depth.

Only freshman forward Mario Lucia is averaging one point per game; he has played in only eight of the team's 17 games but has eight points. Five players — four forwards and one defenseman — have 12 or more points.

Anders Lee's 11 goals and 16 points are both team-highs.

"You have to be aware when their big guys are on the ice," said BG forward Mark Cooper. "They have some pure scorers. If we can manage that and match their work ethic we'll definitely compete with them."

The biggest improvement for the Irish this season has been defensively, primarily in goal.

In 2011-12, Notre Dame goalies Steven Summerhays, Mike Johnson and Joe Rogers combined for a respectable 2.62 goals-against average. However, the Irish had a minus-six goal differential.

So far this season, Summerhays and Johnson have combined for a 1.65 GAA, and the Irish have a plus-26 goal differential through 17 games.

Summerhays has been the driving force behind that. In 16 games — 15 starts — he has a 1.56 GAA and a .937 save

percent, to go along with a 11-4 record.

"The goaltending issue that everyone's said they've had, Summerhays has seemed to put that to bed," Bergeron said.

On the BG side, the Falcons are riding a bit of momentum, thanks to a four-point weekend against Alaska. In the weekend series, the Falcons scored three goals in back-to-back games for the first time this season.

"It was nice to see guys step up," Bergeron said. "To see what we did ... it looked like our guys were not going to be denied."

The win and shoot-out loss ensured that the team did not waste two outstanding performances by goalie Andrew Hammond, who stopped 80 of 85 shots on the weekend.

His most remarkable sequence came in the third period of Friday's game, when he stopped 21 of 22 shots in the period.

"The way he played in the third period Friday, he [looked like] an All American; he made five or six saves that he probably had no business making," Bergeron said. "Then the first puck on goal Saturday hit him in the glove, dropped and went into the net. I thought he was very good, but there are still some pucks he would like to have back."



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MIKE SULLIVAN, defenseman, focuses on getting down the ice to continue the attack.

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Keep up with the bowl game coverage at [bgnews.com](http://bgnews.com) around the Military Bowl on Dec. 27.

#### Men's Basketball

BG hosts No. 19 Michigan State, travels to USE, North Dakota, and Temple over the break before the Falcons start playing the MAC schedule.

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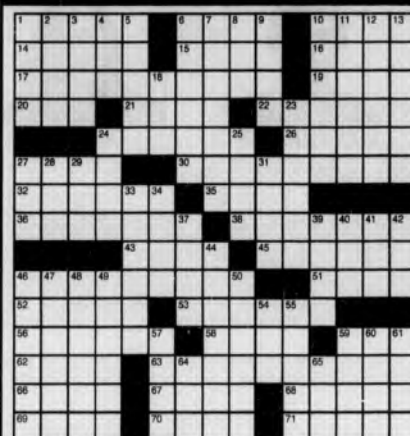
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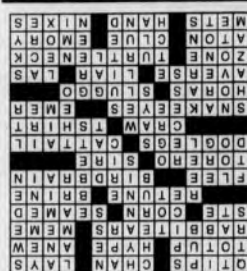


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33 Schoolyard playtime  
34 Fairy tale baddie  
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19 Enthusiastic hand-raiser's cry  
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